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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the references listed on the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 and PTO-892. German Patent No. 42 15 824 (copy to follow) was cited in the specification on page 5. The remaining references, copies enclosed, were cited in the parent patent application, Serial No. 09/415,790 filed October 8, 1999, now abandoned. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application. Because this IDS is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required. However, if a fee should be required for this IDS, the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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